

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 828 without my signature.

AB 828 is intended to require any state agency proposing green building standards to seek the input of other state agencies, environmental advocacy groups, the building construction and design industries, and other interested public parties. Also, the bill would require that green building standards be intended to protect the public's health and safety, minimize a building's impact on the environment through efficient use of natural resources, promote occupant health, and reduce strain on the local infrastructure while utilizing best available technology and building practices.

The California Building Standards Commission and other state agencies proposing building standards currently follow strict requirements for the development of all regulations, including building standards. Also, they utilize work groups and focus groups extensively in the development process. These meetings are open to all who want to participate.

In addition, the bill emphasizes that green building standards are to include, but not be limited to, site planning, water efficiency, energy efficiency, materials and resource efficiency, reduction of toxic chemicals, indoor air quality, and environmental quality. The state's current green building standards encompass these aspects of green building.

Because of this, I find the bill to be redundant of current regulatory development and adoption processes, and therefore unnecessary.

For this reason I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger